



FREDERICK O. BUELL  
pioneer businessman and founder  
of Buell's Store.

first self-service grocery business in Wasatch County. In 1944 business was sold to Earl H. Smith & Sons, who now operate it.

#### MEAT MARKETS

Among the first meat markets operated in Heber was the opened by Tom Clotworthy and Heber G. Crook in 1891. The Hi brothers, Addison and John, then bought out the interests of Mr. C in 1892 and formed Clotworthy and Hicken, which continued until when the Hicken brothers bought Mr. Clotworthy's interests and the became Hicken Brothers Butcher Shop. This store was located on west side of Main Street at Center Street. Later they sold the sit construction of a bank and moved to the east side of Main between Center and First South. Here they conducted a very suc business under the name Hicken Bros. Meat Market.

The meat was stored in a room known as the "ice box," and hung on large hooks. Ice to keep the room cool was cut from ponds or lakes in the winter and packed in sawdust at ice houses ..... it was needed in the summer. When a customer bought meat, a large piece such as a quarter of a beef would be brought from the ice box, thrown on the cutting block and then cut to the wishes of the customer.

The Hicken brothers had a reputation for the best sausage in the valley, and through honest dealing and fair treatment to their customers conducted a fine business until 1910 when they sold their interests to

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and four other small children. His grandmother Persinda Huntington Buell Kimball, wife of Heber C. Kimball, living at Salt Lake City, went to St. Joseph to attend his funeral. She brought Frederick back to Salt Lake City with her. Her sister Zina was a wife of President Brigham Young. By this relationship President Young became very well acquainted with Frederick and took a fatherly interest in him, giving him the same privileges as his own children and while living in Salt Lake City he was known as Freddie Young.

At the age of sixteen he returned to St. Joseph and for some time was employed in a store and later worked in the railroad shops where he served his apprenticeship as a tin and-copper smith. Due to ill health he was advised to go west, going first to Creston, Iowa, where he worked in the railroad shops and later to Idaho Falls, Idaho. His health was still not good so he went to Rockport, Summit County, Utah to live with his Aunt Sarah Gibbons for the winter. While there he met President Wilford Woodruff who told him of a good opening in Heber City for a tin smith. On May 14th, 1883 he walked to Heber City with his set of tinner's tools. At this time he made the statement that he would never walk out. He worked at his trade here for a short time and then returned to Idaho Falls. The following year he returned to Heber and on May 7, 1884 he married Lovina Elizabeth Carlile, daughter of George and Laura Ann Giles Carlile.

Lovina E. Buell was born April 11th, 1863 in Heber City. Her parents were among the first pioneers to settle in Heber and her grandfather was the second person to be buried in Heber City cemetery.

She was born in a three-room log house, dirt roof and floor, located at Second North and Second West. She experienced all the hardships of those early days—no shoes at times, very few dresses and the most simple foods, with a barrel of molasses as a luxury for the winter months.

School was held three months of the year in a one-room rock building at Third North and Second West, which many will remember, but it was torn down many years ago. Seats were made of slabs with four wooden peg legs. Some of her teachers were Mrs. Phil Smith, Mrs. Fred L. Clegg (prior to their marriage), Heber Moulton, and Wm. Buys. She assisted her father in the field,

raking hay by hand, cradling grain and picking potatoes.

Later on she worked for various families, the first being Wm. Witt with a family of 10 and a wage of \$1.75 per week. She worked at the Wm. Moulton ranch ten miles north of Heber for 23 weeks and then for President Abram Hatch who then lived across the street from the Heber Tabernacle.

She married Frederick Oliver Buell May 7, 1884. After their wedding supper that night, they left by team for Park City, going as far as Moultons, now Lees ranch, in a wagon and from there on in a sleigh. From Park City they took the train to Idaho Falls. After spending a few months in Idaho they returned to Heber and opened a small store and tin shop. They lived in a log house south of Wallace Eppersons home in the northwest part of the city. Later, two rooms were added to the store where they lived for a few years.

In 1893 a two-story brick store building was erected and later, the home diagonally across the street from the Social Hall was built, in which they lived with their family while in Heber. A short time later an additional forty feet was built on the store building making a total length of one hundred feet. The second floor was then used as the dance hall for the community for a number of years. In this building a successful general merchandise business was conducted until they retired and the store was taken over by Owen F. Buell, their son, on January 1, 1920.

The family consisted of Mary B. Simkins, Jennie B. Henrichson, Golda B. Mann, Florence B. Gilner, Lois B. McConkie and Owen F. Buell and two children died when small. They moved to Provo in March, 1920. They observed their golden wedding on May 7, 1934.

On the morning of December 25, 1935, Frederick O. Buell died of pneumonia following an operation for cancer. On July 4, 1943 Lovina E. Buell passed away at her home in Provo of incidents due to old age.

## OWEN FREDERICK AND LIZZIE H. BUELL

### HEBER BIOGRAPHIES



Owen Frederick Buell, son of Frederick Oliver and Lovina Elizabeth Carlile Buell, was born June 27, 1894 at Heber City. He

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was the fifth child in a family of eight, viz: Mary Simkins, Jennie Henrichson, Owen F., Golda Mann, Florence Gilner and Lois McConkie. He married Lizzie Belle Hickern, daughter of John Henry and Isabelle Helen Todd Hickern in the Manti Temple January 2, 1918. She was the fourth child in a family of seven, viz: Catherine Rasband, Ethel Mabey, Lizzie Belle, Irwin Todd Hickern, Genevieve Smith and Nellie Bennett. All are married and have families.

Owen received his education in the elementary and high schools at Heber and the Utah State Agricultural College, where he was a member of the Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity. He taught school in Heber in 1917-18 and at the Sevier High School the following year.

As a boy he delivered groceries for his father's store. After returning from Richfield he took over the management of the store in 1920 upon the retirement of his father who moved to Provo. In 1927 most of the general stock was closed out and confined mostly to groceries along with fresh and cured meats which had been added a few years previous and self-service was introduced for the first time in Wasatch County.

In October 1933 the IGA System was adopted and a very complete stock of IGA and standard brands were stocked. The store room at this time was completely remodeled with new shelving, display counters and redecorated to comply with IGA requirements.

The front of the building had twice been remodeled, with an entirely new front in April of 1927. The business proved most successful for a period of 25 years. Because of other interests and the desire of Earl H. Smith & Sons to expand their business the stock and building was sold to them on July 25, 1944, and operates as Wasatch Market.

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eral years, and is now an honorary member. He was dependable and always there whenever the fire siren blew. He has been president of the Wasatch Mutual Insurance Co. for a number of years.

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